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EA Alert: New Entry Requirement—Employers must buy 14-day COVID-19 medical insurance of at least \$10,000 for Foreign Domestic Workers, Confinement Nannies and Work Permit, Training Work Permit and S Pass holders entering Singapore from 1 Jan 2021

Dear Key Appointment Holders and EA Personnel,

The Government has thus far borne the COVID-19 medical bills for pass holders, unless they left Singapore from 27 Mar 2020 despite the prevailing travel advisory. For all pass holders entering Singapore **from 1 Jan 2021**, the [Government will no longer cover their COVID-19 treatment cost](#) if they develop COVID-19 symptoms or test positive within the first 14 days of their arrival. This is regardless of when the pass holders left Singapore.

Accordingly, the Ministry of Manpower (MOM) will introduce a new entry requirement. For all Foreign Domestic Workers, Confinement Nannies and Work Permit, Training Work Permit and S Pass holders entering Singapore **from 1 Jan 2021**, employers need to buy a 14-day COVID medical insurance which must meet these requirements:

- Has a coverage of **at least \$10,000 for medical expenses** if the worker develops COVID-19 symptoms or test positive within the first 14 days of arrival in Singapore; and
- Includes coverage for worker on In-Principle Approval (IPA) Letters.

Once the workers have obtained MOM's entry approval, you must buy the insurance **before** they arrive in Singapore.

The entry approval request forms will require [employers](#) or [employment agencies](#) (EAs) to declare that employers of Foreign Domestic Workers, Confinement Nannies and Work Permit and S pass holders will purchase the appropriate medical insurance before the traveller arrives in Singapore.

EAs are advised to help their clients to check that they have purchased the appropriate medical insurance. If the insurer does not provide the necessary cover, EAs can refer the employer to the Annexes overleaf for a list of insurance products to purchase (Annex A is for Foreign Domestic Workers and Confinement Nannies; Annex B is for non-FDW Work Permit and S Pass holders).

Employers and EAs acting on behalf of employers, are advised to familiarise themselves with the additional requirements and responsibilities to bring pass holders into Singapore before seeking entry approval from MOM. More details about the mandatory insurance requirement for COVID-19 related medical expenses can be found in the list of [frequently asked questions](#).

Yours sincerely

Ministry of Manpower